## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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: Case No. 10-15436

In Re: : Chapter 11

ETHAN H, LLC,

: Judge Michael B. Kaplan

Debtor. :

## **CREDITORS' CERTIFICATION OF DEFAULT**

David Edelberg, being of full age, hereby certifies as follows:

- 1. I am counsel for Sayreville Plaza, LLC, the landlord in the above referenced matter.
- 2. I am submitting this <u>fifth</u> Certification of default due to the Debtor's ongoing, tardy payment of outstanding rent. Currently, the Debtor has the following additional outstanding defaults:
  - A. During the hearing on August 2, the Debtor <u>misrepresented</u> that it had \$8,000.00 available in the Debtor-in-possession bank account and would overnight same to my office for delivery the next day. This payment has never been received.
  - B. The payment of \$7,345.00 which was due in my office August 6 has not been delivered.

- C. An additional payment of \$9,336.25 is due in my office today. August 10, 2010.
- 3. Annexed hereto as Exhibit "A" is this Court's August 4, 2010 order (the "Order"), memorializing the most recent agreement between Sayreville Plaza and the Debtor. The Order arises from the hearing conducted on August 2, 2010.
- 4. Please note that the Order provides that all payments shall be "time of the essence" and delivered to Sayreville Plaza's counsel by 5:00 pm on the applicable due date, or the Debtor shall be in default. See page 3 of the Order.
- 5. The Order further provides that upon default, Sayreville Plaza is entitled to file this Certification of Default, and obtain a further order terminating the Debtor's lease agreement with Sayreville Plaza and converting the Debtor's case to Chapter 7. See page 3 of the Order.
- 6. Finally, the Order provides that the Debtor's sole defense to a Certification of Default is that the payment was in fact timely remitted. See page 4 of the Order.
- 7. Based upon the terms of the Order, the misrepresentation regarding the availability of \$8,000.00 in the DIP account and that same would be delivered by overnight mail, the nonpayment of the \$7,345.00 due on August 6, the &9,336.25 that inevitably will not be received today, and the Debtor's demonstrated inability to comply with the Court Orders requiring payment of rent, Sayreville Plaza respectfully requests the entry of the order submitted simultaneously herewith.

## THE DEBTOR'S EXTENSIVE HISTORY OF REPEATED DEFAULTS

8. On June 9, 2010, this Court conducted the initial hearing upon Sayreville Plaza's Application seeking relief from the automatic stay with respect to its lease of the

Debtor's premises. At that time, the amount of overdue rent due was \$58,951.00, regarding the entire months of May and June, and shortfalls for prior months.

- 9. On that day, based upon the Debtor's delivery of a \$15,000.00 debtor in possession check to Sayreville Plaza (the "\$15,000 Bounced Check"), Sayreville Plaza graciously agreed to adjourn its application to June 14, 2010 - at which time the remaining \$43,951.00 was to be paid by the Debtor.
- 10. The Debtor defaulted upon such agreement by failing to deliver any money at the June 14 hearing.
- 11. Nonetheless, in reliance upon the validity of the \$15,000 Bounced Check, Sayreville Plaza again graciously agreed to give the Debtor more time - until Friday, June 18, to pay \$43,951. Such settlement was memorialized by the Court's June 16, 2010 Order.
- 12. On June 15, 2010 I discovered that the \$15,000 Bounced Check was dishonored by the bank.
- 13. As a result of the \$15,000 Bounced Check, on June 17, 2010 the first Certification of Default was filed with the Court.
- 14. Thereafter, on Friday, June 18, the Debtor delivered a \$58,000.00 bank check to my office. At that time, Sayreville Plaza graciously agreed to accept such payment, subject to payment of the \$951.00 shortfall by Monday, June 21. The Debtor agreed to such payment terms.
- 15. On Wednesday, June 23, I advised the Debtor's counsel that the \$951.00 was overdue, and that a certification of default would be filed absent payment of same by Friday, June 25.
  - 16. Thereafter, following the Debtor's continuing default, the second Certification

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of Default was filed on June 25, 2010.

17. By June 28 a \$951.00 payment was received by Sayreville Plaza, and the

second Certification of Default was withdrawn.

18. Subsequently, the Debtor failed to timely remit the rent payment due on July

1. Thus, on July 7, Sayreville Plaza filed a third Certification of Default. As a result, a

hearing on this matter was conducted on July 12.

19. An \$8,000.00 DIP check was hand delivered at the July 12 hearing, and

subsequently, dishonored.

20. Moreover, a \$1,000.00 payment due on July 19 was not been received.

21. Consequently, on July 20, 2010, Sayreville Plaza filed a fourth certification of

default. As previously noted, a hearing with respect to such certification of default was

conducted by the Court on August 2, 2010.

22. Consequently, Sayreville Plaza respectfully requests the entry of the order

submitted simultaneously herewith terminating the lease agreement between Sayreville Plaza

and the Debtor; and converting the Debtor's Chapter 11 Case to a Chapter 7 Case.

I hereby certify that the foregoing statement made by me is true. I am aware that if any

of the foregoing is willfully false, I am subject to punishment.

Dated: August 10, 2010

/s/ David Edelberg
David Edelberg

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